



WITNESSES ARRIVE: Witnesses to testify at inquest into the death of Mary Jo Kopechne arrive at airport in Edgartown Sunday. Miss Kopechne died in a submerged automobile belonging to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. Ladies from left: Susan Tannenbaum, 24, Nancy Lyons, 25, both of Washington; Esther Newberg, 27, of Arlington, Va., and Rosemary Keough, 24, of Washington. (AP Wirephoto)

KOPECHNE INQUEST BEGINS BUT SECRECY TO PREVAIL

Kennedy On Hand To Testify

Pretty Little
Town Crowded
By Newsmen

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EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — Events surrounding the death of Mary Jo Kopechne in Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's car come under the scrutiny today of a secret inquest into the midsummer tragedy on Chappaquiddick Island.

Above all, Kennedy has told friends, he wants to prove Miss Kopechne could not have survived in his submerged, overturned car in Poucha Pond even if he had summoned help immediately instead of reporting the accident nine hours later.

"I hope the record will be complete and it will be ended and we can get back to the business of voting and working in the Senate," Kennedy told newsmen as he arrived at the airport. He flew in aboard a chartered plane from his home in Hyannis Port, where he spent the latter part of the weekend, and was accompanied by his wife Joan.

Kennedy was asked to comment on a newly published book in which the writer theorizes that the senator had left Miss Kopechne to drive the car and that she was alone when the accident occurred.

With the inquest, the 37-year-old senator will submit to his first formal questioning about the accident that killed the 28-year-old one-time Robert F. Kennedy campaign worker and cast a cloud over the promising political future of the last of the Kennedy brothers.

PICTURE BOOK VILLAGE

More than 100 newsmen came to the wintry fastness of this silent, picture book village on the island of Martha's Vineyard. But it probably will be some time before the world is told of the story unfolding in the austere courtroom of District Court Judge James A. Boyle.

The Massachusetts supreme court ordered that the inquest be held in secret and that the record be locked up until all possibility of any criminal prosecution has passed. Newsmen will see the witnesses come and go but probably will learn little once the inquest is under way.

State and local police will guard the courthouse. State police are even checking the court chamber for listening devices.

After a light snowfall had turned Edgartown into a Christmas card scene Sunday, five young women and five men arrived on the island and were quietly driven to private homes to await their appearances in court.

It was a far cry from their joyous arrival on the weekend of July 18. Then they were here to watch Kennedy race in the Edgartown Regatta and to attend a steak cookout in a little rented cottage on Chappaquiddick Island.

The party ended in tragedy



HAPPY ARCTIC SURVIVORS: Bubbling with good humor and cracking jokes and exchanging quips, Roland McNeil, center, and Brendan Kilmurray, right, tell in Anchorage, Alaska, about surviving for

12 days after their helicopter went down. At left is Carl Brady, president of Era Helicopters, Inc., Anchorage, owner of the downed craft. (AP Wirephoto)

Dead Marine's Ring 'Talks' To Parents

Mysterious Threads Appear

NEWBERRY (AP) — The parents of a young Michigan soldier killed in Vietnam say they believe their dead son is communicating with them through his Marine Corps ring.

Fragile, gossamer threads have risen out of the soldier's ring, spelling out his own name, the names of loved ones and once even a map of Vietnam, according to the soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nesbit of Newberry in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Though they say they have kept the phenomenon relatively quiet in this community of 2,800, the ring has attracted the attention of a noted parapsychologist. The Nesbit's parish priest says, "It could be the means of communication between the dead boy and his parents."



RING WITH A MESSAGE: Mr. and Mrs. William Nesbit believe that their son Marine Pfc. Roger Nesbit, 30, killed in Vietnam last February, is communicating with them through his ring which they say is sending out special "threads" which spell out words and draw pictures. "Copyright 1970 Joseph P. Lippincott-Detroit Free Press." (AP Wirephoto)

Senator Griffin Will Address Economic Club

U. S. Senator Robert P. Griffin of Traverse City, the minority leader of the Republican party in the U.S. Senate, will speak to the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan on Friday, Jan. 16.

Griffin will give "A Report From Washington" at the Hilton Inn, Benton Harbor, at 6:45 p.m.

The announcement came from John Paul Taylor, St. Joseph publisher who is president of the Economic club. The program will be

the 144th dinner meeting of the club.

In his first term as senator, Griffin was elected assistant minority leader ("the whip") by his Republican colleagues on Sept. 24, 1969. He is the first Michigan senator in either party to win such a leadership post.

Most recently Griffin led a drive that led to the resignation of Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas who was nominated by then President Lyndon Johnson for position of chief justice.

Griffin was first elected to Congress in 1956 at age 32. Since then he has co-authored the 1959 Landrum-Griffin Act, the labor-management legislation frequently referred to as the Bill of Rights for the working man.

Griffin also wrote part of the National Student Loan program, part of the National Defense Education Act, which has helped millions of students to attend college with the help of low-interest loans repayable



SEN. ROBERT P. GRIFFIN

after graduation.

In the Senate he is a member of the commerce and judiciary committees.

'Copter Pilots Downed In Arctic For 13 Days

Drinking Hot Water Aids Survival

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Brendan Kilmurray and Roland McNeil found that sheltering in an igloo and drinking lots of hot water was one way to survive after their helicopter came down in the Arctic wastes.

Chipper and saying they felt fine, the two were flown here Sunday from Umiat, a tiny settlement 40 miles from the wooded spot along the Chandler River where McNeil had set down the helicopter 12 days earlier.

For eight days McNeil, 34, of Grandview, Wash., and Kilmurray, 29, of New York City stayed with the craft, which contained survival gear and food supplies. But New Year's Day they decided to hike out.

"We stumbled all over the place," said McNeil, "and I never fell so many times in my life."

The temperature hovered around the 40-below-zero mark and it was light for only about five hours each day. Three hours after they started they were caught in a whiteout, when the snow in the air and on the ground combines to blot out the horizon.

"So, we dug an igloo in the snow, on the side of the river bank," said Kilmurray.

The two crawled in with a blanket and the canvas engine cover from the helicopter and holed up for two days.

"We slept," said McNeil, "but it was a fitful sleep."

To help ward off freezing they built a fire and melted snow in tins to obtain hot water.

"Have a lot of hot water, drink it and it's great," was Kilmurray's advice.

When it cleared Saturday morning, the two used their map and a compass to chart a

course for Umiat. It took them 13 hours and they were without food.

"You reach a level of hunger where it doesn't bother you any more," Kilmurray said.

The two were on a 700-mile flight from the North Slope oil center of Prudhoe Bay to An-

chorage when the generator and the voltage regulator on their 206A jet helicopter quit.

McNeil said the battery of the craft got so cold they were unable to operate the radio. They saw search planes but were unable to attract attention.

The two bachelors came to

Alaska last November and met when they joined ERA Helicopters, Inc., owner of the downed craft.

Asked how they got along during their ordeal, McNeil replied: "He's an Irishman and I'm a Scotsman and we argued a lot and got along fine."

Gina Gets Criticized For Coats

LONDON — Widely criticized by English animal lovers for her many fur coats, actress Gina Lollobrigida (right), accompanied by singer Engelbert Humperdinck, wears a leopard-skin model.

Prominent among the critics has been Lady Muriel Dowling (left), leader of an anti-killing league.



BH PARK

Ice Skating Rink Open For Business

The ice skating rink at Union Park in Benton Harbor will be opened to skaters this afternoon and evening for the first time this winter. Skating will be from 4 to 10 p.m. today.

Harold Frakes of the Benton Harbor public works department, said the schedule of skating hours will be: Mondays through Thursdays, 4-10 p.m.; Fridays, 4-11 p.m.; Saturdays, 12 Noon to 11 p.m.; Sundays, 12 Noon to 10 p.m.

Two men from the public works department will be in charge of the rink at all times during skating hours.

Jan. Clearance, Style Shoppe, Adv.

SJ Store Issues Alert On Toy Dogs

Miss Thelma Reist, owner of the Kard Korner, 222 State street, St. Joseph, today issued an appeal to patrons who purchased small stuffed toy terriers, to return them for flame-proofing.

Miss Reist said less than a dozen had been sold when the Jamaica, N. Y. distributor notified her the toys were potentially flammable. She said the toy dog figures would be flame-proofed and returned.

Monthly feature Hilton Inn New York Strip Steak \$4.95. Adv. Colonial Flowers — 1/2 Price Sale on Christmas Items Adv.

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Foreign Aid Tangle

Part of the folklore of Capitol Hill is that foreign aid always is in trouble. At the dawn of the 1970's, it is in greater trouble than ever. The question is not how big the aid program will be but whether there will be one at all.

Although President Nixon's \$2.6 billion request for fiscal 1970 was the lowest in the 22-year history of the program, Congress closed out its first session without finally approving a slimmed down \$1.86 billion appropriation. The Agency for International Development is limping along with a continuing resolution, allowing it to spend at a rate equal to the \$1.76 billion appropriated last year, until Congress returns January 19.

Congressional disenchantment with foreign aid is nothing new. Over the years, Congress has drastically reduced Administration requests for aid funds. The biggest cuts came last year when the program was slashed by 39.7 per cent from the \$2.92 billion sought by former President Johnson.

Foreign aid has been under attack from its traditional critics who charge that it is wasteful and useless, from former supporters who now decry spending abroad while the nation's own domestic priorities are in disorder, and from the ubiquitous Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.). The Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman charges that foreign aid has become an entering wedge for American involvement abroad, leading to such debacles as Viet Nam.

The lowly state of foreign aid was underscored by the type of friends it managed to attract during the last session. Such long time foes of foreign aid as Rep. Otto E. Passman (D. La.) helped turn it into a Christmas tree

adorned with pork barrel amendments.

About \$160 million was added to the bill for the benefit of such favored nations as Nationalist China, South Korea and Israel. Determined Senate resistance to the \$54.5 million earmarked for Taiwan for a squadron of super-sonic F-4D jet fighters and the \$50 million to modernize the South Korean armed forces led to rejection of the bill and the present impasse.

Development experts say that no matter what Congress does about aid upon its return, it is in for a change. Not only will the funds appropriated be considerably less than the average \$3 billion earmarked for aid during the 1960's but the whole thrust of the program will be altered.

Nixon has appointed a special commission headed by Rudolph Peterson, of the Bank of California, to survey the program and make recommendations for changes. Its report is due in March. Among the recommendations being seriously studied is one by the National Planning Association calling for the establishment of a Washington based institute to take over A.I.D.'s technical assistance program. The Agency has already lost control of its investment guarantee programs, perhaps its most successful project. Direction will be lodged in an Overseas Private Investment Corporation established by the current bill.

Strong efforts are also being made to channel a larger portion of U.S. foreign assistance to multilateral agencies, such as the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. The big question is whether any of these changes will satisfy the critics. Through the years, foreign aid has become the most investigated program in government, and none of the reforms has stifled the opposition.

Pentagon Propaganda

An Air Force sergeant who works as a news broadcaster for the armed forces television network has been transferred out of Saigon for taking the name of Vice President Agnew in vain. Flippant though it may sound, that statement is essentially accurate. What the sergeant did was to say, in introducing a commentator's appraisal of a speech by President Nixon, that the appraisal had been aired "at enough distance (from the time of the speech) not to incur the wrath..." of Agnew.

To a commanding officer who seems remarkably shy about

incurring the wrath of anyone at all, this was editorializing, and sufficient reason for disciplining the offender. To many others it may seem that this was just a rather ludicrous example of the military's penchant for tampering with the news.

The story alluded to above recalls other instances of how the military deals with news people in the services who don't toe the line. Two occurred only last September. Toward the end of that month a corporal was forced to resign as "war editor" of the armed forces TV network after having accused the military command of censoring newscasts. A few days earlier another newscaster had been assigned to other duties when he made similar charges.

Such disclosures about military efforts to manage the news come as no surprise to anyone who has read accounts of the Pentagon propaganda machine. This goes far beyond attempting to color the news broadcast to the troops. The Pentagon spends millions of dollars annually propagandizing the general public, not to mention members of Congress.

The current Pentagon budget for "public relations and public information" has reached the astonishing figure of \$27.9 million. Even this does not tell the whole story, since some expensive items, the cost of using military aircraft for propaganda jaunts, for example, are not included. The public ought to be concerned about what it is getting for this money.

What the public is getting, notably, is a flood of high powered effort to promote the military point of view. The taxpayers, in short, are paying heavily to be propagandized rather than impartially informed about programs of the most crucial importance to the nation. This runs counter to the evident truth that the people need unbiased information if they are to make wise decisions about such programs.

Though Congress in general has little interest in this, Sen. Fulbright of Arkansas did cast light on it in a recent series of speeches. His colleagues would serve the public interest by paying careful attention to what Fulbright said, and taking action to curb the Pentagon propaganda machine.

'Cheer Up We're Bound To Find Something Wrong'



GLANCING BACKWARDS

POORMAN ELECTED

The new 21-member board of supervisors, representing one-man, one-vote districts, assumed the reins of Berrien County's government Friday at an organizational session.

They elected Frank Poorman of Buchanan, a former chairman of the old 49-member board and veteran of 23 years service as a supervisor, as their chairman.

NEW YOUTH FAIR HALL

The Berrien County Youth Fair Assn. may construct a new exhibit hall on its grounds here in late winter or early spring. The board of directors at its January meeting here instructed Buildings Chairman Charles Stocker, Benton Harbor, to develop plans for a 160x34 ft. exhibit hall. Final decision on construction is to be made at the Board's February meeting.

KICK-OFF SET FOR HOSPITAL

More than 100 persons are expected to attend the "kickoff" dinner of the half-million-dollar Memorial Hospital campaign, to be held in the Tropical Room of the Whitcomb Hotel, according to Atty. A. E. Brown, general campaign chairman. The meeting will mark the

opening of the public phase of the campaign, it was stated.

HOTEL MODEL

A realistic little model of the Whitcomb hotel is attracting much attention in the hotel's coffee shop. It is the clever handiwork of James Harris, father of the hotel's manager director, Leon J. Harris.

FAMILY MOVES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Truscott are moving from 809 Broad street to their newly completed home at 1818 Niles avenue.

MERCHANTS COMPETE

The tenants of the Graham block on Ship street are anticipating improvements in their business places in the way of plate glass fronts. They long to rival their business brethren on State street, who enjoy these improvements.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

TWO PARTIES ARE A PLENTY

Inasmuch as the Bill of Rights guarantees freedom of speech and assembly it does legislate for lawful and legal action against him, her, or them who abuse these freedoms by unlawful assembly, or demonstrations that in any way interfere with the freedom of others. The abuse of these freedoms have become so widespread in our society that it requires quick and speedy ac-

tion by Congress and all State Legislatures to bring it under control. To do this it becomes necessary to enforce the laws, hurt whom it may and to use all force essential in breaking up any and all assemblies not fulfilling the requirements outlined in the Bill of Rights.

For almost a century there have been minority groups who operate under the theory that democracy cannot work successfully under a two-party system. The Socialist party has tried all through the decades to gain control without success. Other parties appear on the national ballot but their strength shows little if any influence. The late President Teddy Roosevelt ran on a new party called the Progressive party, splitting the Republican Party down the middle and Woodrow Wilson walked into the White House. In 1968 Wallace hit the three party trail. It didn't work.

To my way of thinking more than two parties would gum up the political machinery beyond salvage. There must be a majority and a single minority group to affect a balance in a democracy. A flock of minorities are for the birds. It couldn't work. Lack of space prohibits an explanation as to why.

Our job is to make the two party system fool proof by a few train-loads of civil deterrent to clean up and filter out the corruption which can be found in both parties, and which is the primary cause of most major ills affecting constituents of both parties. There is nothing whatever wrong with democracy and all who have the incentive and will to understand its workings can accept this fact. The great trouble with these minority groups is their shortsightedness, their inability to accept a constitutional discipline which is truly the core of the democratic principle.

America is safe. Democracy is safe under the two party system and the tumult, dissension, dissatisfaction with government on all levels will level itself off if we will but ignore these groups who are misinformed, uninformed and ignorant of democracy and the growing pains which are still being felt.

If all these trouble makers would think more and talk less and study all the facts, they would be in a better position to make demands. As it is their complaints wash away as the grains of sand with the incoming tide.

WILLIAM A. RODGERS, Bridgman

IT'S BEEN SAID
Smooth runs the water when the brook is deep. — Shakespeare.

YOUR FUTURE
A year of intense and mostly successful activity is ahead. Today's child will be far-seeing and highly successful.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?
1. Boston.
2. British and German.
3. Jess Willard
4. English writer and critic.
5. The Alhambra.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

I was delighted to hear one of my dear friends, Miss Virginia Graham, openly discuss her recent experience with plastic surgery on a national television program. With her inimitable charm and wit, she freely told her audience all about the reasons she undertook facial surgery, and described in a completely reassuring manner all the details associated with the experience.

She made the point that she did this not because she wanted to "stop the Dr. Coleman clock." Rather, she does she applaud the age we are living in, an age when science enables women in the dynamic middle years, to look so well that they can resume the pursuits and work of their early years which raising a family necessitated curtailing.

One of the readers, by sheer coincidence, wrote to me from Massachusetts asking for help about how to find a plastic surgeon in her community. To Miss J.A.W. I address this particularly.

There is one way and only one way to find an excellent plastic surgeon in any local area. One's own physician has at his disposal all of the qualifications and training of the surgeons to whom he refers his patients. In this way there is sustained interest in the patient by the doctor. The surgeon, too, has a special sense of awareness that the referring physician is interested in the physical, the psychological, and the cosmetic outcome of the surgery.

I believe Miss Graham has rendered an excellent service to the many who heard her reassuring, humorous, and sincere portrayal of the total experience.

An article appeared in a newspaper in our city. In it was

described how a man who weighed 400 pounds had surgery to remove the fat. Do you recommend this kind of surgery?

Mrs. F. P., Illinois
Dear Mrs. P.: What a difficult way this must be to compensate for uncontrolled diet. Preventive weight control is, of course, the ideal method by which fancy diets and surgery can later be avoided.

Recommendation for any kind of surgery must come from your own doctor. I have a feeling that he who knows you best, did not advocate it. Writing to me in the hope that surgery would be suggested can only do you a great injustice. I don't know what your weight is, but I am certain that with proper medical handling and psychological support you can almost always lose the excess fat and regain an attractive figure.

Does the shape of the navel of a newborn baby in any way affect his health as he grows older?

Mrs. W. P., Mississippi
The healing of the navel of a newborn child depends on many factors. Sometimes there is a small depression and at other times it is deep. Occasionally it protrudes and may be misshapen. These differences have no relationship to health. The only one really affected is the belly dancer.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Check your automobile for carbon monoxide leaks, especially during the winter months when there is a greater tendency to drive with the windows closed.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
K 10 7 5 2
Q 7
Q 9 7 5 3 2
A Q 8 4 3
Q 10
K J 10 8 4
A K 9 8 7 6 5 4 3
5 2

WEST
J 9
2
A Q J 10 9 8 4 3
A 6

THE BIDDING:
West North East South
5♦ Pass Pass 5♥

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

This deal occurred during the 1967 European championships in the match between Great Britain and Lebanon.

When the British held the East-West cards at the first table, the bidding went as shown. West led the ace of diamonds, which held, and was faced with the critical decision of what to play next.

According to the method of defense employed by the British pair, East's play of the six at trick one might have been based on either the singleton six or the doubleton 6-5. (Declarer had played the deuce on the ace.)

When the British South played possum throughout, eventually buying the contract for five hearts doubled. His two heart bid, with ten tricks in his own hand facing a partner who had overcalled in the two level, was surely an extreme example of British understatement.

Governer, it turned out that South's strategy was not justly rewarded because the Lebanese East-West pair cooperated perfectly to defeat the contract.

West led the jack of spades and East made the fine play of winning with the queen even though dummy had followed low. He returned a diamond to West's ace, and West led another diamond to put South down one. As a result, Lebanon gained 750 points on the deal.

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RUNNING SCHOOL TAXES POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Juveniles Charged In Burglaries

Police Recover \$2,500 Goods In Single Case

Four juveniles were taken into custody over the weekend by Benton township police on charges stemming from two separate break-ins.

One of the four, a 16-year-old, was turned over to Berrien county sheriff's officers for referral to juvenile court because of a Saturday night theft of electronic equipment valued at \$2,500 retail. The equipment was taken from Monroe's Electronic Center, 918 Woodward avenue, St. Joseph township. Woodward avenue extends south of Empire avenue, two blocks west of Colfax avenue.

The others, two aged 12 and one 15, were released to their parents pending juvenile court action in connection with a break-in at a concession center at the House of David park in Benton township. The three were arrested by township officers near the center about 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Juvenile Officer Charles Brooks, Benton township, said the 16-year-old was arrested after his parents notified township police about electronic equipment in their garage.

According to Brooks, a public address system, two television cameras, a police radio monitor and other articles were recovered.

An 18-year-old boy picked up for questioning after the 16-



BACK IN TWIN CITIES: Roderick Halstad has made several stops in a teaching-coaching career. Now he's back in the Twin Cities as principal of Benton Harbor junior high. He is a graduate of St. Joseph high school and starred on a state championship basketball team for the Bears. (Staff photo)

Principal Likens Job To Coaching

BH Junior High Pupils Generally Good, He Says

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

Roderick C. Halstad compares his job as Benton Harbor junior high principal to coaching.

"A buzzer sounds every day ending the game. There are days you know you really have won, and sometimes you lose a few. It takes a big team effort by faculty, students, parents and administration."

Halstad knows the trials of coaching. He was a star athlete at St. Joseph high school, Benton Harbor junior college and Hillsdale college; then coached successfully at Bangor, Charlotte and Hillsdale college.

Administering a school of 900 students requires a bigger coaching staff. "We have a bunch of teachers who are willing to create interest. They'll give extra time to make this building run properly."

This is Halstad's first year at the Central junior high whose image has been more negative than positive. Part of the school was built in the last century. Discipline is a major problem. There is racial imbalance with an enrollment of 82 per cent black.

WON'T GET NEGATIVE

"I refused to get negative," said Halstad. "More good things are going on here than bad. If



PARTY TIME: Admission to a can-can dance at Benton Harbor junior high is a can of food which student council places with a needy family. Counting the receipts are (left to right) Linda White-

side, council vice president; Nathaniel Hester, president, and Mrs. Sandra J. Rutter, co-sponsor of council with Merlin Sundstrom.



EQUIPMENT FOUND: Benton township officers check over electronic equipment recovered from the home of a 16-year-old Benton township youth early Sunday. Police said the equipment, valued at \$2,500 retail, was taken Saturday night from Monroe's Electronic Center, 918 Woodward avenue, St. Joseph

township. Left to right are Officers Charles Brooks, Frank Holmes and Robert Nick. The juveniles and equipment were turned over to the Berrien county sheriff's department since the center is located outside of Benton township. (Staff photo)

people only know how the parents have cooperated. Nine out of 10 are willing to do their utmost to make this school go."

He concedes the school has problems. "But there are 800 students who generally are well-behaved and want an education. We need a special education department where students

with emotional problems can be taught at a ratio of 15 for every teacher. But certified special education teachers are hard to come by."

Halstad, 39, is a commanding figure in the hallway. He still has the bearing of an athlete. Experience has provided under-

standing of the feelings of young people.

PROBLEM AT DANCE

One day some "strangers" drifted into an after school dance. A staff member suggested the dance be shut down.

"No," replied Halstad. "The dance has only 10 minutes to run, and it would penalize the rest of the youngsters. It's our job to see that unauthorized people don't get in. Next time we'll make sure."

Halstad came to Benton Harbor after being high school principal at Covert. He has a master's degree from Western Michigan and is working on a specialist degree.

NO INSTANT FORMULA

He said there's no instant formula for success as the interview was interrupted by the jangling of the telephone and staff members entering with such minor crises as shifting room arrangements to accommodate night programs.

"I invite anyone to come and see what we're doing here. A good look will show the positive things and academic environment."

"Like most schools, we do

have some bad moments. I was conducting a tour one day and a heck of a fight between two girls broke out in front of us."

The Benton Harbor school district is counting on Rod Halstad and his staff to create more good moments than bad.



LAKESHORE TEACHER: John P. Deja, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deja, 265 East Glenford road, St. Joseph, recently graduated from Western Michigan university with a bachelor of science degree. He majored in agriculture and had a minor in business. Deja, a 1965 graduate of St. Joseph Catholic high school, is presently teaching vocational agriculture at Lakeshore high school.

SODUS TOWNSHIP

Car Hits Telephone Pole; Teens Injured

Four teenagers were admitted to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital Saturday night after a car they were riding in struck a telephone pole on River road, Sodus township. Two others were treated and released.

The four, reported in fair condition today, included the driver, Dennis Kessinger, 18, Route 1, Sodus; and passengers Simon Kelly, 15, of 1645 Roger avenue, Benton township; Linda Shaw, 16, Route 2, Hartford; and Darlene Fleming, 19, Route 2, Benton Harbor.

Hospital officials said the four received cuts and bruises on the face and arms. Miss Fleming also received a fractured collar bone and Kelley a fractured nose.

Treated at the hospital and

released were James Gauril, 16, of 1615 Roger avenue, and Dennis Trail, 17, of 2398 Napier avenue, both Benton township.

Berrien Sheriff's Deputy Randy Arnt issued a summons to Kessinger for careless driving. William Finch, 34, of 1102 East Main street, Benton township, was treated at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital Saturday for a sprained back and released, following a two-car accident at Highland avenue and Burton street.

Benton township police said Finch slowed his car to make a left turn at Burton street and it was struck from behind by an auto driven by Tyrone Osby, 20, of 1490 Territorial road, Benton township.

Mattress Yields Cash, Revolver

Frank Hopkins of 151 McCord street, Benton township, reported burglars removed \$122.22 and a .32 caliber revolver from his mattress while he was away from the house, township police said.

BH Native Becomes Commercial Sub Pilot

By SANDRA DRAKE
Staff Writer

Booker T. Washington, Jr., a Benton Harbor high school graduate, recently finished submarine pilot training and is believed to be the world's first Negro commercial submarine pilot.

Washington completed the training at Perry Oceanographics, Inc., of Riviera Beach, Fla., submarine builders who also train pilots how to operate subs.

He was sent through the courses by his employers, International Underwater Contractors, Inc., (IUC) of College Point, N.Y. where he has been a diver for two years.

Washington, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Booker T. Washington Sr. live in Benton Harbor at 574 Cass street, will pilot the now-famous PC3B submarine built by Perry.

The mini-sub was commended by the U. S. Government for her performance during a hunt for the lost U. S. hydrogen bomb off Palomares, Spain in 1966. She has also been used for missions by American Telephone and Telegraph Co., the U. S. Army, Navy and Marine Accoustical Services, the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center, and the U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

Washington will work with

another IUC employee in the sub that carries two men, has a depth capability of 600 feet is 22 feet long and will be used in other international contract work.

His company has activities in 34 countries and Washington will travel with the different assignments.

Washington began working for IUC after serving in the U. S. Navy for eight years. He had completed the Naval Deep Sea Diving school and had been a diver while in service.

A 1959 graduate of BHHS, he and his wife Anna and their son, Michael, now reside at 899 Orlando, West Hempstead, N. Y.



FIRST NEGRO PILOT: Booker T. Washington, Jr., namesake of the great Negro educator, is believed to be first Negro ever to become commercial submarine pilot. He is congratulated above by John H.

Perry, Jr., president of Perry Oceanographics, Inc., where Washington recently completed submarine pilot training. Washington is a Benton Harbor high school graduate.

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TAXES OR SOLVENCY? THAT'S THE QUESTION

Young Men
Held As
'Pot' Sellers

SOUTH HAVEN—City police today were holding two South Haven young men on charges of selling marijuana.

David Naab, 21, of route 1, and Elmer Lawson, 17, of 288 Park avenue, were arrested Saturday. They were to be arraigned today in Seventh district court.

City police said the two were arrested by Detective Louis Smith of the state police post here. A juvenile had told police he purchased marijuana from two persons. Police said they confiscated a small quantity of a substance, believed to be marijuana, in the form of cigarettes.

Fennville
Woman Off
Critical List

FENNVILLE — A Fennville woman who was injured in an auto crash on Dec. 27 which claimed the lives of two other women, has been taken off the critical list at Blogett hospital in Grand Rapids.

Hospital officials said Mrs. Robbie Louise Dorden, 28, Fennville, is now in fair condition and is being treated for head injuries and multiple fractures.

Killed in the crash were Mrs. Aerie Jean Bond, 27, South Haven, and Mrs. Dolores Schlaak Jimmerson, 22, Hamilton.



TRAVOIS CHAMPS: These three Boy Scouts from Troop 46, Bridgman, represent the winning troop in the travois race held Saturday at Camp Madron. The race was part of the White Beaver Scout District's winter outing, the Klondike, in which more than 90 persons took part. The boys are, from left, Dennis Barnes, Bill Boyd and Randy Foster. Their troop built the Indian-style carrying device out of sticks and rope and then beat out the other scouts in a foot-race over a snow-covered course. For its efforts, the troop won a folding saw.

Michigan's
Lawmakers
Eye VotersMoney Will Be
Biggest Issue
In Coming Session

By JACQUELINE KORONA
Associated Press Writer

LANSING (AP)—Come Election Day, would you vote for the candidate who raised your taxes to keep Michigan solvent?

Or would you pick the one who left your taxes alone—but also left the state with big money problems?

Those are the questions facing Michigan lawmakers most of whom will be seeking re-election this fall, when the 1970 Legislature convenes Jan. 14.

The state needs more money. Budget Director Glenn S. Allen Jr. says 1970-71 budget recommendations, due from Gov. William Milliken within the month, will show a deficit. The projected expenditures are more than estimated revenues—but by how much, Allen isn't saying.

He indicates Milliken will include a call for more revenue in his message to the Legislature.

What those new or increased taxes will be appears anyone's guess at this point. Allen points his message to the Legislature.

ANYONE'S GUESS

What those new or increased taxes will be appears anyone's guess at this point. Allen points to what he calls a "cafeteria list" of choices including proposals that never made it through the Legislature during the fall session dedicated to education reform.

The "menu" offers Milliken's proposals for repeal of the property tax credit against the income tax, a cigarette tax hike and a statewide property tax as well as alternatives offered by "loopholes" in the list of exemptions from the sales and use taxes; and a 0.4 per cent boost in the state income tax.

Most lawmakers recognize the fact that more money is needed. Some, like Sen. Harry Demaso, R-Battle Creek, chairman of the Senate taxation committee, point to projected deficits of up to \$532 million by mid-1973 if spending continues to increase at the current annual average of 14.7 per cent while revenue increases at the average of only 6 per cent annually.

MUST GET IN LINE

The Citizens Research Council of Michigan, which provided the figures at Demaso's request, added that the state must get expenditures more in line with revenue or "be faced with major increases in present tax rates or the imposition of new taxes."

Senate appropriations chairman Charles O. Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, and 15 other GOP senators sent Milliken a letter recently, calling for a "hold-the-line" budget.

They cited decreased auto production, a drop in department store retail sales, "far below normal" activity in the building industry.

"These economic indications, coupled with the ever-increasing inflationary price-wage spiral and continued higher interest rate trends, cause serious concern for the integrity of Michigan's fiscal position," they said. The senators pledged to cooperate with the governor to achieve "total fiscal responsibility... (and) protect the pocketbooks of all the people of this state."

While the need is recognized, however, the willingness to do something about the problem is not universal among the legislators whose goal is re-election.

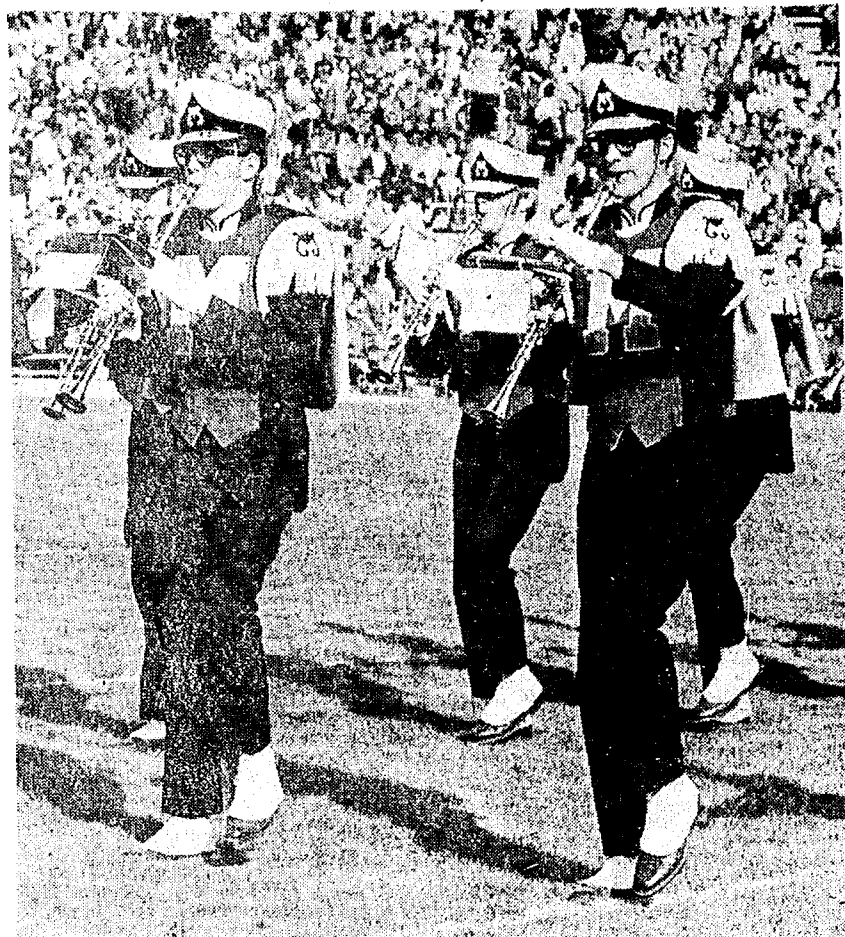
AGAINST PAROCHIAL

More than one Parochial movement will not vote for increased taxes he feels might pay the bill for the controversial aid to nonpublic schools. Until that bitter and emotional fight is solved, the votes for taxes just may not be there, some Capitol sources believe.

Other lawmakers don't want to support increased taxes in this era of the so-called "taxpayer revolt."

Still others, including Senate Majority Leader Emil Lockwood, R-St. Louis, think chances of tax increase are "extremely likely."

"If the news of the moment at election time is a \$200 million state deficit, the state appears in chaos, people don't know whether psychics will be coming in and schools don't know if their money is going to last through the year—this is what people will think about when they go to the polls," contends House Speaker William



ROSE BOWL TREAT: South Haven was well represented in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day at Pasadena, Calif. While Don Moorhead was calling the signals for the University of Michigan football team, Jory Holmes (far right) son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes, 712 Indiana avenue, was marching with the Michigan band. A freshman, Holmes plays second clarinet in the band. (Tom Renner photo)

Ryan, D-Detroit.

HAVE TO DECIDE

"They'll have to decide whether things are being run the way they should be run," Ryan says. "When legislators think about whether they want to go into the election with the state facing a

possible \$200 million deficit, or go into the election having done their duty of properly balancing the budget, I think they'll choose the latter as being the more politically wise."

Rep. Roy Spencer, R-Altice, has proposed a state income tax

increase coupled with an optional local school district income tax, for education. "I think it's almost immoral" to duck an issue like taxes, Spencer says. "I personally would rather campaign on a position of solving an issue than ducking it."

Ausco Chief To Help
In College Fund DriveLester Tiscornia Will Head
Advance Gifts Unit

BERRIEN SPRINGS—Lester C. Tiscornia, president of Auto Specialties Manufacturing company, St. Joseph, will serve as chairman of the advance gifts division of the Andrews university campaign, according to an announcement made today by Robert C. Upton, general chairman of the campaign.

A 14-member committee of area business leaders is currently giving counsel and aiding the university in a capital funds campaign. The immediate goal

is to raise \$1 million to help finance a science complex.

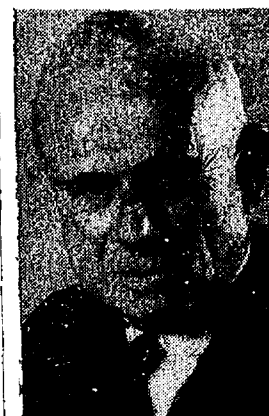
Upton said, "Mr. Tiscornia's acceptance of this important campaign role adds another to his long list of services to the Berrien County community. It is most gratifying to have his support in this undertaking."

Responding, Tiscornia said: "Very few societies in history have ever attempted to educate more than a relative handful of their people beyond essentially minimum levels. This nation has traditionally made higher education widely available. The result has been sustained strengthening of our economic, political and social structures. Corporate and individual support for our colleges and universities is no longer viewed as philanthropy alone, but as wise and prudent investment."

Tiscornia was graduated from the University of the Pacific. He and his wife, Bernice, reside

at 2008 Sunset drive, St. Joseph. He has held posts with the Civil Works Administration and the California State Board of Equalization. He joined Auto Specialties Manufacturing company in 1947 and has served successively as company treasurer, executive vice president and president.

He serves as vice president of the Michigan Colleges Foundation, vice president of the Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, and over the past years has served actively in numerous youth and community service activities.



LESTER C. TISCORNIA

Visiting
Judges Will
Help OutVan Buren Court
Post Is Vacant

PAW PAW — Van Buren county remained without a probate judge today, but visiting judges are expected to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge William P. Wright, according to county officials.

Gerald Rendell, chairman of the county board of supervisors, said Wright's staff has been retained and that the visiting judges will keep the office open. An appointment to fill the vacancy will come from Gov. William Milliken.

A press assistant for Milliken told this newspaper the appointment will be made "in early January."

Wright, 73, who served for about 21 years as probate judge, retired effective last Wednesday. His wife Edna, the probate register, also retired.

The names of at least two men have been submitted to the governor for possible selection as the next probate judge.

They are attorneys William Clement of Gobles and Meyer Warshawsky of South Haven.

AT JOINT MEETING

Paw Paw Lake Area
Sewers To Be Topic

COLOMA—The four governmental units of the Paw Paw Lake area will hold a joint meeting with the Paw Paw Lake Planning commission tonight at the Coloma township hall to discuss a sewage system to serve the area.

Members of the Coloma and Waterliet city commissions and township boards will meet with planning members to discuss a gravity flow sewer system.

The joint session will follow the regular meeting of the Coloma township board which will convene at 7:30 p.m., one half hour earlier than usual.



OLD, NEW FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION: Boy Scouts from Troop 51, Galien, mush like huskies pulling a Klondike sled during a winter outing Saturday at Camp Madron. In the background is a more modern form of transportation. The Klondike sled

was made by scouts on the spot out of rope and sapling branches. In addition to having races with the boy-power sleds, the devices are used to haul scouts' equipment around in the woods. (Staff photos)

LEIN Packs Potent Punch
In County's Anti-Crime War

Electronic Link Pays Off In Results

By TOM BRUNDRETT
Staff Writer

Berrien county's LEIN machine packed a potent punch against crime in 1969.

The electronic system to state and national computerized crime information centers was being credited with bringing about 729 arrests during the year as well as the recovery of 48 stolen cars, 48 lost or stolen license plates and 10 other stolen articles.

In all, some 86,784 messages were received by the county

center, operated by the Berrien county sheriff's department.

In 1969, messages totaled 45,071 and arrests 288.

The system is part of the state's Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) operated by the FBI.

Lt. Nigel Krickhahn, head of the sheriff's department communications bureau, said the number of messages equates to one every 8 minutes on a 24-hour seven-days-a-week basis.

Details of the activities were

contained in a report prepared by Krickhahn and released by Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell. The center, said Jewell, has become the right arm of officers on departments throughout the county.

Information on criminals, criminal records, drivers status, car ownership, driving records and other pertinent information is available from the centers within minutes.

The information is fed into the centers by local departments and is available to all

departments connected directly with or covered by a servicing department.

A breakdown on the number arrests contained in the report showed.

Sheriff's department, 279; Benton Harbor, 204; Niles, 58; Benton township 56; and St. Joseph 38. The rest were carried out by nine other law enforcement agencies. Thirty-one of the 48 stolen autos recovered were handled by the sheriff's department, the report adds.